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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
West et al. ) Art Unit: 1615  
Serial No. 09/653,406 ) Examiner: Fubara, Blessing M.  
Filed: September 1, 2000 )  
For: Nitric Oxide-Producing Hydrogel )  
Materials )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 6, 2005, a four-month period for response to which expires November 7, 2005, because November 6, 2005, falls on a Sunday, applicants respectfully request amendment of the claims as follows and reconsideration of the claims based upon the amendments and the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time to expire on November 7, 2005, to file a Response to the Non-Final Office Action. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and Form PTO-2038 authorizing the charge of the fee for a one-month extension of time are enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 8 of this paper.

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